(c) whether any study has been made of the impact of tha withdrawal or reduction of the subsidies; and

(d) of so, the datails thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d): The subsidy was withdrawn on four low analysis fartilisars i.a. Ammonium Sulphate, Ammonium Chloride, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Sulphate of Potash. The nutrients available from these four low analysis fertilisers constitute a small percentage of total nutrients used in agriculture. The Statewise off-take of fertilisers following the withdrawal of subsidy is not available. The latest estimate of tha consumption of fertilisers in nutrients during Kharif, 1991; does not indicate any drop in the off-take of fertilisers during the crop season as compared to the same during the preceding year. The consumption of nutrients (NP and K) during Kharif; 1991 is estimated at 63.50 lakh tonnes as compared to 57.47 lakh tonnes during the same period in the preceding year.

Nuclear Power Plant in Malabar Re-gion, Kerala

140. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Nuclear Power Plant in Malabar Religion in Kerala and

(b) if so, tha action taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA):

(a) Yes, but it is a preliminary/exploratory state.

(b) Preliminary/exploratory investigations of sites in Andhra Pradesh and Karala including peringome in Cannur District, have been carried out. The proposals will have to undergo various stages of review and appraisal.

[*Translation*]

Proposal for setting up of Vegetable Oil Mills in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

141. SHRI VILASRAO NANGANATH RAO GUNDERWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to issue the letters of intent/industrial licences for setting up of vegetable oil mills in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the oil mills are proposed to set up in the Cooperative sector; and

(d) if so, the names of the places identifies for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):

(a) to (d) : In terms of press Note No.9 (1991 Series) dated 2nd August 1991 of the Ministry of Industry, Government of India no licence is required for activity relating to setting up of oil mills provided the proposed article of manufacture is not reserved for small scale sector or the proposed project is not located within limit of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs according to 1991 census.